# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3647
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MSP FOR OIL PALM
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to bring `Oil Palm` under the ambit of marketintervention scheme and announce Minimum Support Price (MSP) to producers of oil palm;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the MSP announced for oil palm during the present year;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government forannouncing MSP for oil palm growers in the State; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government has brought Oil Palm under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), and has not announced Minimum Support Price (MSP) since Oil Palm Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) are perishable in nature and their Fair Average Quality (FAQ) specifications cannot be determined.

(d) & (e): The Union Government received a letter from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradeshfor announcing MSP for Oil Palm to safeguard the interest of Oil Palm growers in Andhra Pradesh.Since Oil Palm FFBs are perishable in nature and their FAQ specifications cannot be determined, the item has not been covered under MSP. However, to safeguard the interest of Oil Palm growers, the Government has implemented MIS for Oil in Andhra Pradesh during 1999-2000/2000-2001 and2000-2001/2001-2002 and procured 65000 tonnes and 39,301 tonnes of Oil Palm during these years respectively. No request for MIS has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh during 2002-2003.